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COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of potato, tomato and onion recorded in the country during 2005-06, State-wise;

(b) the total percentage of said and other perishable item spoiled every year due to non- availability of proper storage facility;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the capacity of existing cold storage to overcome the problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) the number of cold storages with their capacity functioning in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(f) the number of cold storage proposed to be sanctioned during 2006-07, State-wise; and

(g) the funds provided for the purpose during the said period and the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The total production of potato, tomato and onion during 2005-06 is placed at Annexure-I

(b): The percentage of perishable item spoiled every year ranges from 8-37%at different stages of post harvest handling including storage.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Government is implementing scheme for Construction/Modernization/Expansion of Cold Storages for Horticulture produce under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) towards infrastructure development on post harvest management since 2005-06 and through National Horticulture Board (NHB) for commercialization of cold storages since 1999 with a provision of back ended capital investment subsidy @ 25% of the total project cost - subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50.00 lakh/project and Rs. 60.00 lakh for North Eastern Area/Hilly Area @ 33.3% of the project cost. Besides, Agriculture Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA), under Ministry of Commerce is implementing a scheme on `Infrastructure Development` with a component of setting up of specialized storage facilities including high humidity cold storage, deep freezers, controlled atmosphere (CA) or modified atmosphere storage (MA) etc. providing assistance @ 25% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 10.00 lakh/beneficiary.

(e): The number of cold storages with their capacity functioning in the country during the last three years are placed in Annexure II.

(f): About 228 number of cold storages are proposed to be sanctioned by NHB during 2006- 07. Since the scheme is demand driven, no State-wise target have been fixed. However, State- wise provision of cold storages under NHM Programme 2006-07 is placed at Annexure III.

(g): The funds provided for construction of cold storages is given at Annexure IV.